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Alumnus of the Month

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The Graduate School

By Russell S. Poor Dean, Graduate School

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL is honored to be given an opportunity to report each month to the alumni of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute some of the happenings in this important division of your Alma Mater. Graduate work (erroneously called post-gradwate work by many) is a distinct and different approach to knowledge from that commonly found on



the undergraduate level -or it should be different. And it is different at Auburn in every department where we have sufficient staff to make it so.

Graduate work, properly presented and properly learned, is the best possible training a student can receive if he expects to take his place on the ever expanding agricultural and industrial front of the south. New developments along these fronts are demanding more and more highly trained personnel. The

Dean Poore same is true in education, social welfare, marketing, transportation, and many other areas. Auburn cannot afford to do less than its best to provide its share of trained personnel called for by these multiplying

Graduate study differs from undergraduate study in that it depends upon research as the core of its program. Of course, there are some graduate programs which are essentially a professional upgrading procedure. These programs are worth while, but it is only through a genuine research experience that a student receives the type of training needed to cope with today's new and pioneering situations.

In this column each month we hope to describe briefly some of the research projects now in process at Auburn. We will try to highlight the work being done in agriculture, architecture, chemistry, chemical engineering, education, engineering, home economics, history, English, economics, zoology, entomology, fish culture, game management, veterinary medicine, and many other fields.

Let us have your inquiries, if they have to do with graduate work or research.

The School of Agriculture

By Marion J. Funchess Dean, School of Agriculture

IN ALL PROBABILITY, most Auburn alumni are not familiar with research facilities of the Agricultural



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Experiment Station located at points away from Auburn. Consequently, the first article in this series relative to the Agricultural Experiment Station deals with the outlying facilities.

In addition to the 935 acres in the Main Station at Auburn, the 1300 acres north of Auburn (Fish Pond area) and a sixacre field laboratory at Spring Hill, the Experiment Station now operates a Plant Breeding Unit, eight branch stations, six Experiment Fields, and five Forestry Units.

Names, locations, and acreages of these outlying units are as follows:

Name	Location	Co A	creage
Plt: Breed. Unit	Tallassee		670
Substations:			
Black Belt	Marion Jctn. Fairhope Cullman Camp Hill Crossville Belle Mina Winfield Headland	Dallas	1116
Gulf Coast		Baldwin	800
No. Ala. Hort.		Cullman	160
Piedmont		Tallapoosa	1405
Sand Mountain		DeKalb	536
Tenn. Valley		Limestone	755
Up. Coastal Plns.		Fayette	735
Wiregrass		Henry	323

These branch stations are located either on major soil divisions of the State or in particular commodity areas such as the branch station at Cullman, which is intended to serve horticultural interests only.

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Instruction

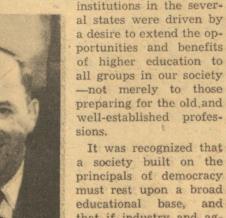
By David W. Mullins Director of Instruction

THE ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE consists of three main divisions-Instruction, Agricultural Extension, and Agricultural Experiment Sta-

The Division of Instruction, or the "College Proper," as it is often called, is the oldest of the divisions, having been established in 1872. Auburn is a Land Grant institution, having come into existence in accordance with the Morrill Act passed by the United States Congress in 1862. This Act donated lands to the several states for the purpose of

"endowment, support, and maintenance, of at least one college, where the leading object will be without excluding other sciences and classical studies and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to Agricultural and Mechanic

Those responsible for establishing the Land Grant



Dr. Mullins

in these fields.

al states were driven by a desire to extend the opportunities and benefits of higher education to all groups in our society -not merely to those preparing for the old, and well-established professions. It was recognized that

a society built on the principals of democracy must rest upon a broad educational base, and that if industry and agriculture were to prosper, leaders must be trained

The rapid growth of the Land Grant institutions in the various states, during the past three-quarters of a century, gives ample testimony to the soundness of the ideas and philosophy underlying their establishment. These institutions are assuming an everincreasing importance in the social, economic, and industrial life of the states.

Auburn has experienced a rapid growth since its establishment. Today the college consists of ten schools, each giving cultural and professional training in an area important to the present and future of Alabama. The schools, each under the leadership of a dean, are as follows:

Agriculture,	Dean M. J. Funchess
Architecture	Dean T. C. Bannister
Chemistry, _	Acting Dean H. M. Martin
	Dean Zebulon Judd
Engineering,	Dean J. E. Hannum
Home Econo	mics, Dean Marion W. Spidle
	Dean L. S. Blake
	Literature, Dean Roger Allen
Veterinary N	Medicine, Dean R. S. Sugg
Graduate Sc	hool Dean Russell S. Poor

The growth in enrollment has been phenomenal, especially within the last two decades. The enrollment during the regular year, 1947-48, totals slightly over 8,700 students which is the largest in the institution's history. During the present summer quarter, the enrollment is 4,467, which with second term registration, will likely be the largest summer quarter enrollment in the history of the institution.

The Instructional Division employs approximately 850 instructors and staff members. During the last four quarters the institution has conferred a total of 1,270 degrees of which 63 were graduate degrees. All degrees awarded in the history of the institution total 14,688, of which 13,327 have been first degrees, and 1,313 graduate and professional, with 28 honorary

To adequately house and instruct the large enrollment of students since the war has called for a substantial amount of both temporary and permanent construction. You will be interested in these facts regarding our permanent building program. Within the last few weeks our School of Forestry has moved into their new building. A dormitory which will house about 450 men students will be ready for occupancy in September. Construction was begun recently on a million dollar Engineering Laboratory which will afford considerable improvement and expansion in Engineering instruction and research.

Plans are being completed for new buildings to house the Schools of Architecture and Education. Construction is soon to begin on a new Farm Machinery building and the enlargement of the Football Stadium by an addition of something over 12,000

Extension

By P. O. Davis Director, Agricultural Extension

THE QUESTION is asked: What is the Extension Service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute?



It's that division which carries scientific informa. tion of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute to the people of Alabama; direct to farm people, but for everybody.

By major services the Alabama Polytechnic In. stitute was created as follows: Teaching in 1872; research in agriculture in 1887; extension by the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, prior to which farm demonstration work had been conducted several years.

The Extension Service Director Davis came, therefore, to teach farm people-men, women, boys, and girls. It is financed by the federal, state and county funds. So it is a cooperative service.

Federal funds come to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute as a grant-in-aid, and as such, become state funds. Most of these federal funds must be matched, dollar for dollar, by either state or county funds, or

Nearly all of our workers in agriculture-and many of those in home economics—are Auburn graduates. Our personnel includes the state administrative staff, specialists on the state staff, county farm and home demonstration agents and assistants; a grand total of 477 white workers.

We have also 80 Negro workers. Thirteen of these are in our state office at Tuskegee Institute; all others in the counties. They are paid with state and fed-

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THREE STUDENTS LISTEN attentively as Dr. Ralph Brown Draughon, '22, Alumnus of the Month chats with them about the presidential nominating conventions and the Louis-Walcott fight. The students are George Mooney, senior, a member of Theia Chi, Scabbard and Blade, the Caisson Club, and S.A. M.; Martha Knight, junior, a member of Alpha Phi Omega and President of Pan-Hellenic; and, on the right, Bill Dearman, senior, a member of Phi Kapps Tau and former Sports Editor of the Auburn Plains

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ALUMNUS of the MONTH

AUBURN'S ADMINISTRATOR-

Dr. Ralph Brown Draughon Has Served As Acting President Since July, '47

WHEN HE RECEIVED his B.S. degree at Auburn in 1922, Ralph Brown Draughon, a South Alabama small town lad, had no idea that 26 years later he would become Acting President of the Alabama Poly-

"I fully intended to go to the University of Missouri and to specialize in editorial writing," he says.

Dr. Draughon's interest in journalism grew out of his work on the Plainsman, Auburn student publication. He was one of the first Auburn students to receive keys for their work upon the staff of the Plainsman. Dr. Draughon, himself, as assistant to the Editor-in-Chief, was one of the originators of the appellation, "The Auburn Plainsman."

After several years of teaching high school courses, Dr. Draughon decided to make teaching his life work. By heredity and environment he has always had a great interest in American History, government and law.

As an instructor of history at API, he "enjoyed teaching international law more than any other sub-

Awarded Doctorate

Recently, Birmingham-Southern College of Birmingham, Alabama, awarded Auburn's Acting President Ralph Draughon an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Presentation of the doctorate included Dr. Draughon's entire life story within three paragraphs:

"A native of Alabama, he was educated in the state public schools, at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and at the University of Chicago. He has given his efforts and time freely and unselfishly to the training of young people of this state, first as a teacher and principal in the public schools, as instructor of history under the directon of his great preceptor, Dr. George Petrie, and since then, as administrator of his Alma Mater.

"As the Alabama chairman of the Post-War Education Committee and as a member of the Executive Council of the Higher Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, as a former president of the Alabama Association of Colleges, as director of the Governor's Emergency Committee on Higher Education, and as director of instruction and in recent months as acting president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, he has displayed the finest type of educational leadership. Although connected with an institution which is primarily devoted to technical training, he is and has been a champion of general and liberal education as a foundation for good living and for the professions.

"Genial companion, unassuming and unselfish educational and agricultural leader, effective classroom teacher and gifted administrator, Ralph Brown Draughon is recommended by the faculty for the degree of Doctor of Laws."

Extracurricular Activities

In moments of relaxation, Dr. Draughon delves into American history and biography.

To really take his mind off the strenuous work of heading one of the leading colleges in the South, Acting President Draughon reads detective stories.

When his duties will permit it, he takes fishing trips to South Alabama. One of his favorite spots for this type of recreation lies on the shores of Miflin Lake, near Stockton, Alabama. He has done some of his best fishing in the bayous of the Tensaw River, above Mobile. However, he caught his largest fish, a seven pound, 11 ounce bass, four miles from Auburn in Wright's Mill Creek.

During his college days, Dr. Draughon was an avid class-baseball player. Then, the Auburn baseball teams were distinguished by class numbers, and Ralph Draughon played second base on his team for

Today, Acting President Draughon's off-time ac-



Acting President Ralph Brown Draughon is an adept at piscatology: the fine science of fishing, that is



Dr. Draughon, seated at his desk above, has been serving Auburn during two of its busiest years

tivities include the delivering of addresses to clubs and at commencement exercises. As a member of the Auburn history department, he aided the debate club here, helping to build it into the prominent campus group which it is today. For his services he was made an honorary member of Tau Kappa Alpha, speech fraternity.

In speaking to his Sunday School class at Auburn's First Baptist Church—in speaking to all groups -Dr. Draughon follows the Golden Rule of Education: "Start with what people know, go into related topics, then into the unknown."

Two Alabama educators to whom Dr. Draughon gives much credit for his own success in the educational field are his high school principal, B. H. Boyd, '84, of Hartford, Alabama, and the late Dr. George Petrie, once a professor of history and Dean of Auburn's Graduate School. "These men were great teachers," he says. "Dr. Petrie caught my imagination because I was interested in history."

Dr. Draughon's wife is the former Caroline Marshall, a graduate of Huntingdon. They have two children: Ann, 15, and Ralph, Jr., 12, both of whom attend Lee County High School.

This issue of the Alumnews is dedicated to Auburn's Acting President, Dr. Ralph Brown Draughon.

HERE 'N THERE

DAVID AMES HERBERT, former instructor of brass instruments at Louisiana State University, has been appointed assistant band director, Dr. Hollace E. Arment, head, of the music department, recently announced. Mr. Herbert assumed his duties on June 14, as assistant to P. R. Bidez, band director.

Born in Wortnington, Minn., Mr. Herbert received. his B. A. degree from Carlton College, Northfield, Minn., in 1940. Prior to this, he studied at Colorado

State College of Education.

From 1942 to 1946 he was a member of the 271st Army Ground Forces Band. He received his master's degree in music education at LSU last month. Mr. Herbert has had four years teaching experience and is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, and Phi Mu Alpha, Beta Omega chapter.

C. C. MARKLE, '35, has opened a large, modern, airconditioned drug store in Auburn. The new drug store, a Walgreen agency, is the largest and most modern in this section. It is fully equipped to dispense drugs, toiletries, meals, and confections in a pleasant atmosphere. A staff of 28 persons will operate the business.

Twenty-seven booths-some seating two and some seating four-are located in the back of the store, where the walls are lined with mirrors. Total seating capacity, together with the 27 stools at the bar, is 110.

Mr. Markle, who received his B. S. in pharmacy at API, has remained in Auburn since graduation. He worked in local drug stores before establishing his first store on East Magnolia. He opened a drugstore on Auburn's Southside last year, and it will continue to operate in connection with the new Walgreen Agency store.

B. F. NAFTEL, '23, former Division Engineer of the Alabama Power Company in Montgomery, has assumed duties as superintendent of the Alabama Power Phenix City division. A veteran of 24 years with the power firm, Mr. Naftel is a native of Montgomery County.

He was associated in the construction department of the Alabama Power Company for 10 years and has been with the operating department for 13 years. Mr. Naftel served as a lieutenant colonel during World

WILLIAM WELCH HILL has retired from the teaching staff at API, after 49 years as Professor of Electrical Engineering. Professor Hill will now devote all of his time to the Presidency of the Auburn First National Bank, and to his farming interests in Talladega County, near Sylacauga.

After receiving his B. S. degree from Auburn in, 1897, Mr. Hill remained as a graduate student and received his master's degree the following year. Then he left Auburn and went to work for the Southern! Bell Telephone Company.

He stayed with that company only a short time and returned to Auburn in 1900, to become a shop \ instructor in the School of Engineering. Later, he became an assistant professor, then an associate professor. After further graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, he was appointed full Professor of Electrical Engineering in 1925. •

THIRTY-FOUR OIL and water color paintings, valued at approximately \$18,000, were purchased by API through the War Assets Administration in New York, last month. API and the University of Oklahoma were the only successful bidders in the

educational group for the paintings.

According to Frank W. Applebee, Head Professor of Art here, the new paintings will give Auburn a collection probably unsurpassed by any other school in the nation.

All the greatest contemporary painters in America are represented in the exhibit. Among the works are paintings by Stuart Davis, George O'Keefe, Arthur Dove, William Grooper, John Martin, and Max

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE is one of the 14 charter member schools, and the only school representing the South, in the recently organized National Association of Schools of Design, Frank W. Applebee, head professor of art here, announced last

Just returned from a conference of art school and art department heads in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Applebee was one of the founders of the new association which has been set up "to develop a closer relationship among schools of design for the purpose of examining and improving the educational practices and professional standards in design."

AMONG THE FOURTEEN candidates running for city commission posts in Auburn's new commissiontype city government were seven API alumni: John C. Ball, Jr., '43; William F. (Bill) Ham, '33; W. G. Johnston, Sr., '29; L. A. (Sleepy) Knapp, '12; Alex O. Taylor, '21; David Wittel, '39; and G. H. (Monk) Wright, '19.

JOHN JACOB NILES, the Kentuckian who makes rare music from songs and ballads, played in Auburn's Student Activity Building on July 13-

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The Virginia Smelting Company, West Norfolk, Virginia, recently appointed Dr. Daniel Duncan, '37, (left above) head of its chemical engineering process improvement section, and W. F. Luckenbach, Jr. manager of the company's industrial sales department

Major General Robert Ernest Noble, a veteran of World War I, now lives in retirement at his home in Anniston, Alabama

General Robert Ernest Noble

Now Living in Retirement

MAJOR GENERAL Robert Ernest Noble's interest in Auburn has never waned. For two years, 1893-95, he served his alma mater as instructor in chemistry, and in 1929, he enhanced Auburn's reputation over the nation as President of the Alumni Association.

When he was 20 years old, General Noble graduated from API in civil engineering. The Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College was but 18 years of age itself, and possessed few buildings other than the old main building structure.

Like the future progress of A&M, General Noble's rise to success held many important landmarks directly related to those graces characteristic of Alabama.

One year after he had received an M.S. at API, General Noble became assistant state chemist of Alabama. From 1893 until 1895, he was connected with this state, not only as assistant state chemist, but also as instructor in chemistry at Auburn.

For one year during the period, 1890-95, General Noble was assistant state chemist in North Carolina.

In 1895, General Noble entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and graduated in 1899, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was an interne at Randall's Island Hospital and at Metropolitan Hospital for one year.

He entered the U.S. Army as acting assistant surgeon and was almost immediately ordered to the Philippines with the rank of first lieutenant. Later, he served at Fort Sheridan and graduated from the Army medical school at Washington.

As a member of the sanitary commission, he served with General Gorgas at the Presidio, San Francisco, Fort Casey, the Canal Zone, and in Porto Rico.

From October 25, 1918, until August, 1919, during the fiercest portion of World War I, General Noble served in Europe. For his singular accomplishments during the war, General Noble was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal and was made commander of the Legion of Honor by the French government in 1919.

General Noble is an Episcopalian, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and a member of the Calhoun County Auburn Club. He married Ella Lupton, of Auburn, in 1905.

Mumnalities

1912

Thomas H. Whitfield now resides in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Whitfield graduated from API in Mechanical engineering.

1913

This past month, we were glad to hear from M. J. Roberson, now Vice President and Sales Manager of the Cosby-Hodges Milling Company, in Birmingham, Alabama.

1914

W. P. Cox serves the Mc-Wane Cast Iron Pipe Company, manufacturers of cast iron pipe and fittings, as general Sales Manager. Mr. Cox is situated in Birmingham, Ala.

L. G. Pearson is connected with the Department of Vocational Agriculture, Holmes County High School, Bonifay, Fla.

1915

President of the Birmingham Salesman's Club, Birmingham, Ala., is **N. G. "Doc" Hubbard.** a member of the class of '15.

1916

Two Auburn alumni who spoke at the recent Montgomery meeting of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association were P. O. Davis, a member of the class of '16, and W. P. Breen, a member of the class of '22.

1917

Frate Bull, who is with the Farmers Home Admiinstration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D. C., has a son, Frate, Jr., attending Auburn.

Thanks to R. G. Reynolds, of Richmond, Va., for locating an alumnus we were unable to find

1918

Jerome C. Ard is General Manager of the Certified Products Company, in Birmingham, Ala. We have received word from many of our Birmingham alumni this month.

1919

George M. Wood. of Montgomery, Ala., who majored in pharmacy while an Auburn student, owns the George M. Wood and Company. His offices are in Montgomery.

Colonel Wilbur Argo, formerly of Talladega, Ala., is residing in Shreveport, La.

1920

Gilmore C. Williams teaches vocational agriculture in the Wortham High School, about 75 miles south of Dallas, Tex. Five Future Farmers of America who were under Mr. William's guidance received their State Farmer degree, highest conferred in any state, in June.

1921

R. M. Ollinger, owner of R. M. Ollinger, Inc., New York engineering and building organization, and a member of the New York Auburn Club, has a son, Rodney, Jr., who expects to attend Auburn next year. He'll be welcome down here on the "Plain", Mr. Ollinger.

1922

D. D. Wendel, who graduated in 1922 with the degree

of B. S. in electrical engineering, is connected with the Alabama Power Company, in Birmingham, Ala.

Alumnus of the Month for July is Auburn's Acting President Ralph Brown Draughon. President Draughon recently received an honorary L.L.D. degree from Birmingham-Southern College.

1925

Miss Ruth Kernodle is connected with the American National Red Cross, in Atlanta,

Stanley Slater has been manager of the Alabama Gas Company in Motgomery, Ala., for some time.

1926

We have recently heard from C. W. Allgood, who is Referee in Bankruptcy of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Mr. Allgood resides in Birmingham, Ala.

1931

Mrs. Sallie Smith Fuller, the former Sallie R. Smith, has been teaching fifth grade at Bayview, Jefferson County, Ala., for six years.

1937

W. G. Tubberville, who received a B. S. degree in Education in 1937, and a B. S. degree in Pharmacy in 1947, is associated with the Century Pharmacy, Century, Fla.

Mrs. Mildred Bugg Shivers, now of Wadley, Ala., is married to Wade B. Shivers. member of the class of '42. Mr. and Mrs. Shivers have one son, Joe Wade, one year of age. Mrs. Shivers teaches English and mathematics in the Wadley High School, and Mr. Shivers is veterans' vocation teacher.

1947

Louis Jordan arrived in Auburn last month to assume duties as full time instructor in accounting. A native of Evergreen, Ala., Mr. Jordan has studied the past year at Northwestern University.

Since last February, John G. Pfrimmer has been in the employ of the General Electric Company as a student engineer, on the Test Course in Lynn, Mass.

Births

A daughter, Gayle Louis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Gilmore, of Montgomery, Ala., on May 15. Mr. Gilmore is a member of the firm: Hudson, Gilmore, and Campbell, architects and engineers.

Marriages

Katheryn Anne Sims, '49, of Opelika, Ala., to James Lee Beindorf, '48, of Vero Beach, Fla., in June. Mr. Beindorf served for three years in the Air Force, during World War II, as a pilot. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Frances Lindsey, '48, of Montgomery, Ala., to Charles Leon Ruth, III, '50, also of Montgomery, on June 6, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery. Mrs. Ruth majored in Aeronautical Engineering at Auburn. Mr. Ruth is

a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity here.

Blanche Carlton, of New Albany, Miss., to Fred Alonza Sloan, Jr., '47, of Auburn, Ala., at the First Methodist Church in New Albany, on May 30. Mr. Sloan is working toward his Ph.D. degree at George Peabody College for Teachers.

Miriam Flemister West, of Birmingham, Ala., to Frank Merlin Jones, '47, of Montgomery, Ala., and Lake Charles, La., on June 20. Mr. Jones received his degree in chemical engineering at Auburn.

Kathleen Coleman, of New Albany, Ind., to Lt. Oliver Day Street, '46, of Montgomery, Ala. Lt. Street is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity and is now serving a tour of duty in Germany.

Sarah Virginia Kirkwood.
'45, to John Richard Lodge, of
South Pittsburg and Sewanee,
Tenn., on June 12. Mrs. Lodge
was a member of Chi Omega
sorority at Auburn, and until
recently was the Episcopal
student worker here.

Sara Polk Bean to Clifton Thomas Hallmark, '43, on May

Sarah Elizabeth Avant, of Montgomery, Ala., to Edward Harris Reynolds, '43, of Notasulga, Ala., at Montgomery's Cloverdale Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home in Notasulga.

Etha Jean Lee, of Montgomery, Ala., to Robert Henry Hodgson, '47, also of Montgomery, on May 18. Mr. Hodgson was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at API, and is now a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in

Montgomery.

Betty Perryman, of Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala., to Henry Graham Sellers, Jr., '39, of Montgomery, on June 19, at Montgomery's Highland Methodist Church. Mr. Sellers holds a position as a chemist in the Southern Re-

search Institute.

Blanche Inez Richardson to John Sadler Carothers, '37, Birmingham, Ala., in May, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Mr. Carothers served five years in the Army and was released with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Deaths

Richard H. Wilmer Jones, '47, was recently killed in an airplane crash in Cuba. Mr. Jones was working for the St. German Sugar Central in Cuba as aerial surveyer and pilot at the time of his death.

Thomas D. Samford, '25, a prominent lawyer in Opelika, Ala., and a professor in the Economics Department at API, died of a heart attack on June 1, while packing his bags in preparation for a vacation trip.

Llano Cantrell, '09, of Spartanburg, S.C., died on March 19 at the Spartanburg General Hospital, following a lingering illness. Mr. Cantrell was a retired soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service.

James Cary Slaton, '99, died in Jackson, Miss., on May 15. George Brewer, '12, passed away on Nov. 27, 1947. He was a resident of Birmingham, Ala.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Another Alumnus Tells His Story Of The Auburn Campus 'Way Back When'

By Dr. A. W. Reynolds

AS AN UNDERGRADUATE and graduate student at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute from 1908 to 1913, I was greatly impressed with many aspects of student life. I shall comment mainly on two significant institutions of those days—compulsory church attendance and the "wager of battle."

In 1908, the physical plant, staff, and student body were small. Within the five-year period, the faculty and officers increased from 54 to 74 and the student body from 701 to 820. The town population, according to the 1910 census, was 1,408.

The students were serious minded; outside attractions were few; and transportation, except by train, was slow. Students rarely visited home, and two or three trips per year to Opelika and one or two football "specials" rounded out their traveling schedule.

Many students who lived more than one hundred miles from Auburn reported that, upon their arrival in the old home town at Christmas time, the residents invariably asked whether there had been a hard winter, with snow and ice, "up North."

Church-Or-Else

The East Alabama Male College, a Methodist institution, required chapel and church attendance and when the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama was founded in 1872, its catalog announced that students were required to attend the daily morning religious services in the chapel and "expected" to attend the church of their choice at least once on Sunday.

The 1879-80 catalog required both chapel and church attendance. The 1908-09 catalog continued these requirements "unless excused on the written requests of parents for religious scruples." Toward the end of World War I, these compulsions were discontinued, and the 1920-21 catalog carried the announcement that "while attendance at Sunday services is voluntary, it is urged and expected that students will attend the church of their choice."

The 1921-22 catalog stated: "Convocation exercises are held every Saturday morning in Langdon Hall, the students being addressed by some outstanding business or professional man. Freshman and sophomores and all first and second year students are required to attend."

The ringing of the college bell and the beating of the drums were the signals for the 10:40 o'clock assembly of the student body on Sunday mornings. In uniform they lined up in front of Langdon Hall in their respective companies and the sergeant called the roll.

Some students, through the generosity of the sergeant, succeeded in absenting themselves—"riding the sergeant"—as the practice was called. Other students resorted to various means of escape. The chief avenue to freedom lay in walking out with the Catholic students. Since there was no Catholic church in Auburn, the adherents of that faith were permitted to fall out from the ranks and go home. The increasing size of the Catholic contingent from Sunday to Sunday was unmistakable proof of the effectiveness of this method.

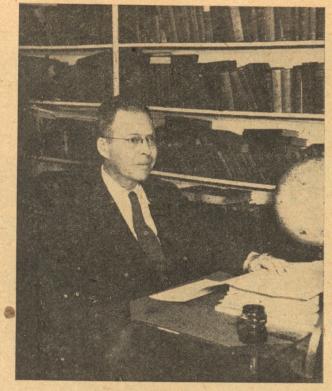
A third expedient was also successfully used. The Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian students were ordered to assemble and, attended by officers, were marched in column of squads to their respective churches.

Presbyterians who planned to escape admitted that they were seriously handicapped in two ways: smallness of numbers and proximity of their church (now the Y Hut) to the point of departure; nevertheless a few notable escapes were effected. The longer and more circuitous Baptist, Episcopal, and Methodist routes of march afforded unexcelled opportunities for a quick break from the ranks.

Handy Hiding Places

The terrain was ideal in affording places of shelter, including buildings, alleys, lumber piles, empty boxes and barrels, signboards, trees, and dense undergrowth. Only shackles would have prevented desertions along these routes. The rapidity of movement in the initial break; the ability to take immediate advantage of cover; and the incredible acceleration of speed in the fairly "open spaces", when pursued, would seem to be an apt characterization of the qualifications of those whe resorted to this method of liberation.

Certainly some of the remarkable success, in later



Dr. A. W. Reynolds, acting head of API's department of history, writes of his alma mater's earlier days

days, of Auburn athletes and war heroes may properly be attributed to the inheritance of these traits from their Sabbath-day refugee forebears.

For those who had sought and not yet found liberation, there was one last resort. This was presented after arrival at the church when the pastor offered the opening prayer. Ensconced at vantage points next to open windows, the dull thud of young human bodies falling to mother earth was convincing evidence to the congregation that these few had successfully accomplished their mission. Of course, the winter season precluded the use of this method.

A local telephone poll of both observers and participators reveals that the Sunday defection from the ranks probably averaged from one-third to one-half of the student body, depending upon a number of factors ranging from the humaneness of the sergeants to weather conditions. Local druggists have asserted that their distribution of Grier's almanacs in those days was greater than similar distributions in cities of between 5,000 and 10,000 population.

Students not only maintained constant contact with the Auburn Weather Station but also studied the twelve Signs of the Zodiac, of which Aquarius (legs) and Pisces (feet) were deemed most efficacious. Cloudy, unsettled, blustery, and stormy weather, with prospects for showers, were unusually favorable omens for escape.

"Wager of Battle"

The second aspect of college life under consideration, the "wager of battle", was a most interesting institution. Introduced into England by the Normans, it remained one of the methods of obtaining justice until its abolition in 1819.

At Auburn in 1908, it was a flourishing and fixed custom and was usually resorted to after a student had exchanged blows with a fellow student over some grievance, real or fancied. Oftentimes these encounters originated in the classroom; the instructor restored order; and, at the end of the lecture, the two antagonists were marched by their classmates to the arena, located behind the present Department of Buildings and Grounds.

In the meantime, practically the entire student body and most of the teachers converged toward the scene. After the human circle had formed around the arena, the two principals were properly cautioned by their seconds to observe the rules, which were those of the old London Prize Ring. They slugged it out with bare fists until one of them had cried "enough", after which they shook hands and lived happily in peace—at least until another quarrel ensued.

Sometimes the fight was prolonged, in which case the next class was delayed beyond the ten minute interval, but neither students nor teachers left the arena until the issue had been satisfactorily decided.

In my teaching experiences in more recent years, I have never witnessed a student encounter on the campus or in the classroom. This phenomenon could be attributed to the march of civilization with arbitration of disputes, or to inertia due to the tendency of students to keep late hours and hence not be in a fighting mood the next day. Perhaps the former is the real cause. Likewise, among nations, the future hope of the world for peace lies in the United Nations, the Hague, and in other agencies of peace.

Pro Bowl

WHEN THE WASHINGTON Redskins and the Green Bay Packers clash in a professional football game at Birmingham's Legion Field Saturday, September 11, 1948, two of Auburn's civic-minded alumni can take their bows for a magnificent contribution to the welfare of their city and state,

The decision of Birmingham's Junior Chamber of Commerce to stage a "Pro Bowl" between two top-flight National League teams for the benefit of the Children's Hospital was enthusiastically received by everyone, but the direction and sponsorship of the game posed two vital problems.

The first was solved by the appointment of Torance A. "Bo" Russell, '39, as Game Committeeman. Perfectly suited to the job of managing such a venture, "Bo" is as well known to the Redskins and profootball as he is to all Auburnites. The Plainsmen's all-time tackle signed with the Redskins in 1939 and 1940, and his great line play and educated toe won him all-pro recognition both years. "Bo" is also president of the Jefferson County Auburn Alumni

Frank Samford, '14, provided the solution to the sponsorship problem. Member of the Board of Trustees and president of the Alabama Chamber of Commerce as well as president of Liberty National Life Insurance and Brown Service, he saw to it that his companies authorized minimum guarantees to the pro teams in the interests of charity and civic welfare.

With such cooperation the success of the game seem assured. The Junior Chamber expects to turn over funds to the Children's Hospital in an amount well up into five figures. Already over 10,000 tickets have been sold. Orders are steadily pouring in to Jaycee Headquarters.

Tickets are \$3.60 in the main stands and \$3.00 in the end zone horseshoe, and checks payable to the Jaycee Football Fund are being accepted at the Jaycee office in the Chamber of Commerce Building in Birmingham on a "first come, first served" basis. It is requested that 25 cents for insurance and mairing be added to each mail order.

"I'd like to ask every Auburn man to give us a hand" "Bo" wrote the Alumnews. "We need the help of all our alumni to turn over a really sizeable sum to the Children's Hospital and to put on the biggest athletic event in Alabama history."

See you at the "Pro Bowl"!

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Charity Football Game

GREEN BAY PACKERS VS. WASHINGTON REDSKINS

FOR BENEFIT OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Legion Field, Saturday, Sept. 11, 1948

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Include 25 Cents Registered Mail Fee With

Make Check Payable to Jaycee Football Fund and Mail to 206 Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Birmingham 3, Ala.,

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Research

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Experiment Fields

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Alexandria	Calhoun	80
Aliceville	Pickens	33
Brewton	Escambia	85
Monroeville	Monroe	80
Prattville	Autauga	80
Tuskegee	Macon	160

The Experiment Fields are intended to serve farmers in helping solve problems connected with the production of field crops and livestock.

Forestry Research Units:

Autauga	300
Barbour	180
Coosa	160
Fayette	150
Talladega	80

The Forestry Units are used in a research program aimed at enabling farmers to use most economically and effectively that part of their farm lands not devoted to the production of field and horticultural crops and livestock. In Alabama there are about 10-34 million acres of land devoted to general farm purposes; forestry of some kind or description occupies from 18 to 20 million acres.

REPORT on the Auburn Libraries

Libraries Report Shows Need at API For Better Facilities, More Space

By Clyde H. Cantrell DIRECTOR, API LIBRARIES

THE DIRECTOR OF the Department of Buildings and Grounds has recently stated that the API Libraries have reached the saturation point. In fact, little-used material will have to be boxed unless space is provided in the near future. Of the five departmental libraries only that in the School of Agriculture has room for additional volumes. The shelving space in the departmental libraries in Architecture, Chemistry, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine is exhausted.

The total seating capacity of all six libraries is only 560. This will accommodate only 6%-7% of an enrollment of 7,000 students. Librarians and university administrators are agreed that their libraries should seat between 20% and 40% of the student body.

Although some additional positions have been created in recent years, there is still a real need for the addition of 6-8 new members of the staff. The present staff consists of 21 persons, four of whom receive part of their remuneration for services performed for the various departments. Of the professional librarians on the staff, eight different library schools are represented. A conscientious effort has been made to build the staff in this way in order that there be a wholesale interchange of ideas on any major problems which may arise.

Salaries Too Low

Members of the library staff have expressed concern over the salary scale which prevails at this institution. Comparative figures from similar universities of the South indicate that there is a much better salary scale there than at API. It is true our salary scale has been increased some in recent years, but it is still too low when one considers the amount of training and experience of the library staff. It is hoped that this situation may be improved during the 1947-48 fiscal year.

Since July 1, 1945, appropriations for the operation of the Division of Libraries have been increased. However, when the student enrollment is considered in comparison to the purchasing value of the dollar, then it is realized that only slight increases have been made in the operating budget.

Librarians of land grant colleges are almost unanimous in their belief that the libraries of such institutions cannot be operated adequately on appropriations of less than \$25.00 per year for each student enrolled. In fact, one university librarian says that \$50.00 per student is needed to operate his library in a way which is satisfactory to faculty and students alike.

If we are to build at this institution a library which will serve the undergraduate, graduate and research programs with any degree of adequacy, it will be necessary to spend yearly not less than \$25.00 per student. In studying this matter, one should remember the vast amount of scholarly and research on years and material published during the depress the large backlog of requests for periodicals which appropriations have been insufficient to purchase. Given sufficient revenue, the libraries of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute should within a few years become the best in the South.

DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES

The following statistics will indicate to some degree work done in the departmental libraries during the past fiscal year:

	Circ.	Res.	Total	Attend.
Agriculture	1,713	6,828	8,541	29,550
Architecture	3,100	388	3,488	16,183
Chemistry	1,812		1,812	8,650
Engineering	1,304	1,545	2,849	24,478
Vet. Med.	1,409	1,409	5,402	5,110

AGRICULTURE LIBRARY: This collection is of primary interest to those departments in the School of Agriculture and to research workers in the Agricultural Experiment Station. Like other departmental libraries, it is badly crowded.

Plans which have been made for a second floor

"Give us more space" is the hourly cry of the API librarians. The Main Library (above) and the five other libraries on Auburn's campus accommodate only 6% to 7% of the more than 7,000 students here

in the stacks should relieve the congestion considerably and make room for some 18,000 to 20,000 more volumes. In addition to all books and periodicals in the field this library houses all publications issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by the various experiment stations throughout the U.S. and abroad.

FINE ARTS LIBRARY: While the circulation of books in a library is usually regarded as representing the work of said library, this is by no means true in the Fine Arts Library at this institution. The work at this branch is mainly of a reference and a research nature. In fact, the library is a laboratory for the use of architecture and arts students, and most consultation of library material is done within the room. Consequently the work in this library is professional in nature and should be regarded as of reference rather than of circulation caliber.

The greatest obstacle to service in this library is lack of space and the location of the collection. To further complicate matters, the constant display of arts material together with the noise and commotion resulting from their being arranged or dismantled act as a barrier to the type of service which the library should provide.

The shelving space is limited. Already some material has been transferred back to the Main Library, and it may be necessary to transfer a great deal more during the next fiscal year.

CHEMISTRY LIBRARY: The Chemistry Library is more a reference library and less a circulating library than the Main Library. Students working in laboratories find it necessary to come often to the library to check on data of one kind or another in numerous reference books, periodicals, etc.

As in other departmental libraries, space is at a premium. Unless additional shelving room is provided, it may be necessary to move some of the bound periodicals back to the Main Library.

ENGINEERING LIBRARY: Already the bound periodicals in this library have been moved to the Main Library because of lack of space. In the future it may be necessary to transfer some of the older books unless more adequate quarters are provided.

1946-47 STATISTICS

Number of volumes in library	116,927
Members of staff	15.5
Newspapers received	25
Periodicals received	1,055

Salaries (staff) \$35,160.10 Student Service \$ 3,924.14 Books Bought \$14,954.54

Periodicals Bought \$ 6,478.64 Binding Expense \$ 3,910.38 Other operating expense \$ 9,587.86

Here 'N There

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DEAN TURPIN C. BANNISTER, of the School of Architecture and Arts, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has been named head of the department of architecture in the University of Illinois. Dean Bannister will assume his new position on September 1.

Before coming to API in 1944, Dean Bannister taught at Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute. He has had wide professional experience and is author of three books and many articles. Dean Bannister holds membership in many architectural and art organiza-

Club News

TALLADEGA'S AUGUST 18 BARBECUE is all set. Both barbecue meat and loads of fun are on the Talladega agenda for the date, and notables from all over the Southland have been invited to attend.

Hugh Comer, President of the Alabama Alumni Association, and Bill Byrd, President of the Auburn Alumni Association, will act as joint Masters of Ceremonies.

Sports editors from points south, east, north, and west have been invited to the barbecue. Invitations have been forwarded to Nashville, New Orleans, Atlanta, Knoxville, Mobile, and Montgomery.

Even Bernie Moore, SEC Commissioner, has been invited to be guest speaker, and all 12 coaches of the SEC should be there. Of course, the Athletic Directors of Auburn and the University will attend.

Mike Donahue and "Doc" Pollard, coaches at Auburn and the University, respectively, when the last game between the two colleges was played, have been asked to attend.

Editor's Note: This article is a condensation of the Annual Report of the Division of Libraries, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.



AUBURN'S
SCHOOL of
Chemistry



Acting Dean Martin

Dean Hare

DEAN CLIFFORD LEROY HARE, '91, of API's School of Chemistry, spent his childhood days in the small Macon County village of Oak Bowery. When API was yet a stripling school, when Lee County had not been founded, but remained a portion of the old, vast Macon County, Dean Hare was being schooled in Auburn's back yard.

It was at Opelika and Oak Bowery that he received his pre-college education in private schools. He entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1888, and graduated in June of '91. In September of 1891, Auburn's first graduate scholarship in chemistry was established. The first of these scholarships went to Dean Hare,

During his college years, Dean Hare played substitute quarterback on the football team which Dr. George Petrie coached. Dean Hare and John Kimball, '91, actually were the founders of the Auburn-U. of Ga. football series. Kimball had gone to the University of Georgia from API, to study law. Via correspondence, the two men arranged the first Auburn game with Georgia's Athens team.

After finishing his graduate work here, Dean Hare went to the University of Missouri, where he tutored freshmen in lab work. At the end of one year—in 1893—he returned to API. Except for time spent in obtaining his M.A. at the University of Michigan and in other graduate study, Dean Hare has been at Auburn since then.

Dean Hare is a member of the Masons, the Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, and Phi Lambda Upsilon. He has five children: four daughters who are Auburn graduates, and one son who is now majoring in aeronautical engineering here.

DOORS OF THE API School of Chemistry and Agriculture—original name of today's School of Chemistry—were opened over 75 years ago. Professors Darby, Stubb, and Lupton played important parts in the early history of what is in 1948 one of the most outstanding schools at Auburn.

Each of these men served the School of Chemistry and Agriculture as its head. Professor Darby was the originator of Darby's Fluid, which sold in drugstores over the country for a number of decades. After Professor Stubb had left API to enter educational work at LSU, N. T. Lupton was brought here from the University of Georgia.

During the Civil War, Dr. Lupton had been connected with the manufacturing of Confederate explosives. While he held the directorship of the School of Chemistry and Agriculture, Auburn's first graduate scholarships were established in chemistry and agriculture.

In the '80s and '90s only Langdon Hall and the old college building where Samford now stands comprised Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Chemistry laboratories were housed in the basement of the old college building.

After the death of Dr. Lupton, in the spring of 1893, Professor B. B. Ross was brought here from LSU. Dr. Ross died in the spring of 1930, at which time Professor C. L. Hare became Acting Dean. In 1932, he was appointed Dean of the School of Chemistry.

The School of Chemistry has had three names in its history: School of Chemistry and Agriculture, the last name having been assigned to it seven years ago, when pharmacy and chemistry were separated.

The School Today

Today's modern School of Chemistry is a far cry from the small group of labs in the basement of API's first single building. Today, the Chemistry staff is composed of 15 permanent members and a number of temporary instructors.

This staff has received training in over 25 col-

ACTING DEAN Herbert Marshall Martin, '14, was originally a Floridian. That didn't keep him from attending Auburn, though, for, when he came here, he had already heard about API's progress from his great-uncle, Dr. Drake, who was college surgeon for more than 50 years.

Professor Martin came to Auburn with the intention of taking up chemistry as a life career. After obtaining his B.S. and M.S. degrees here, he did further graduate work at both the University of California and the University of Colorado.

He has been associated with the School ever since he graduated, at first in an instructing position. Professor Martin still divides his time between classroom work and his duties as Acting Dean.

Acting Dean Martin's family is completely Auburn. One son, H. M. Martin, Jr., '42, who is now in the advertising and promotion business in Birmingham, was recently featured in the Alumnews. One of his daughters-in-law, Mrs. Allen Odum Martin, majored in journalism while here; the other daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jane Foster Martin, obtained her degree in chemistry. His younger son, John Bruce Martin, '43, is now in the graduate school at Ohio State, studying chemical engineering.

Even his wife, the former Lannie Steadman, is a graduate of API.

Acting Dean Martin is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, and SAE social fraternity. As a Rotarian and member of the Auburn City Council (for 11 years), he had a hand in doing much progressive work for the town of Auburn. He was a member of the old Villagers Club, which later became the Auburn Rotary Club. He served both of these clubs as their President.

Martin was, furthermore, a member of the Building Committee which located and built Lee County High School.

leges and universities. Three degree courses are offered: chemistry, chemical engineering, and laboratory technology. In addition, there are master's degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering.

Enrollment in the school last year reached a total of more than 350 students. On top of that figure, the School of Chemistry handles in the neighborhood of 1600 students each quarter. These service classes include pharmacy, pre-medicine, predentistry, agriculture, physics, engineering physics, home economics, and veterinary medicine.

"While the research program, due to limited space, is restricted," Professor Martin stated, "we do have an active research program in progress."

Auburn's School of Chemistry is one of the chemistry schools accredited by the American Chemical Society. Graduates of schools approved by the ACS accrediting committee are eligible for full membership after two years of professional work or after two years of graduate work.

Because of the fact that API is accredited by the ACS and also because all of the members of the teaching staff here have either doctorates or other graduate training, chemistry graduates of this school are getting excellent offers. They have been given better opportunities to go into graduate research of a better type. Usually, after receiving their diplomas, chemistry grads enter research laboratories, and chemical engineering graduates, engineering.

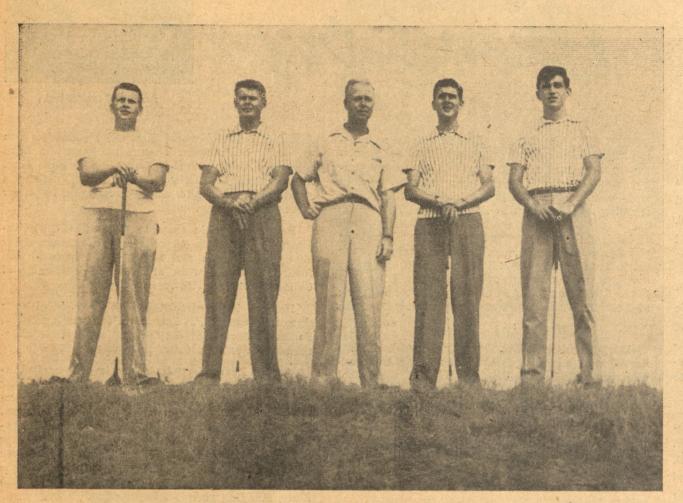
Ross Chemistry Building now holds a majority of the laboratories so vital in producing good chemists. There has been over the past few months an increase of available space by laboratory tables for 250 students, and an addition of valuable scientific equipment. There are five large labs which are in use for chemistry classes, and 16 small laboratories. These are inadequate for Auburn's growing, expanding School of Chemistry. At present, labs in the L building are being used.



Ross Chemistry Building, above, houses most of the classrooms and offices for API's School of Chemis-

try. In the course of a school day, more than 2000 Auburn students walk in and out of this building

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(1) Members of API's 1948 Golf Team, shown in the photograph above, were, from left to right, John Hall, of Atlanta, Ga.; B. P. "Pat" Poyner, of Dothan, Ala.; G. W. Hargreaves, the coach; Nelson Debardeleben, of Birmingham, Ala.; and John B. Key, Jr., of Colubmus, Ga.

(2) At left, Ibbie MacDonald, Peggy Richardson and Mary L. Ford get ready to fire on the target. These of Columbus, Ga,

(3) Below, Marian Collins and Alfred Walker take a look at the havoc wrought (no bull's eye) while archers Bob Shaw, Olive Jernigan rest and watch.



Sports In Brief

By Bob Ingram, Sports Editor

THE AUBURN GRADUATES of today, both male and female, are not only better prepared mentally to take their place in life, but thanks to the Auburn Physical Education Department they are also prepared physically. Under the capable leadership of Miss Jeanetta T. Land and Coach Arnold W. Umbach, the Physical Education Department with very limited facilities is doing a splendid job toward building up physically the API students.

Physical education at Auburn is nothing new. One of the first courses to be offered here on the Plains back when this college was known as Alabama A.&M. was a course in gymnastics. Today, gymnastics is just one of the many activities that are available to the student body through the Physical Education program.

PE For Men

The Physical Education program for men has grown gradually through the years, but it has been only in recent years that it has undergone such radical changes—all for the good. In 1944, Coach Arnold W. Umbach reported to Auburn from William and Mary to be assistant football coach, but was soon placed in charge of the men's P.E. program.

He immediately recognized the shortcomings of the program then in operation and set about to reorganize the entire department. He divided the men's program into six sections, and each student was required to take one quarter training in each group.

First was the Basic P.E. department which served as an introduction for things to follow. The students were familiarized with all the sports offered in the entire department and were able to decide which activities they would most like to pursue. The next five quarters were to be used taking a combative sport, a team sport, an individual sport, gymnastics and quadics.

This system is still in use, and has proven highly successful. After completing the required six quarters of Physical Education, if the student so desires he may continue training in any particular sport during his remaining quarters in school.

PE For Women

The Women's program, directed by Miss Land, is built along the same lines. Each girl student is required to take six quarters of Physical Education, and they are required to take one quarter's work from each of the previously mentioned departments.

Particular stress is placed on swimming, for obvious reasons, and although it is not required, most Auburn co-eds are swimmers when they leave college. Other activities which are popular with the girls are tennis, archery, volleyball, and dancing.

One particularly interesting phase of the men's physical education department is that section devoted to the training of physically handicapped students. These men, unable to compete in some athletics, have proven themselves surprisingly adept in such sports as archery, swimming, and even tennis.

The Physical Education set-up here at Auburn was recently summarized by Coach Umbach, when he said, "Our department has advanced as far as our facilities will permit. Needed most at this time are more tennis courts, handball courts, and finally, a new gymnasium." Miss Land expressed the same sentiments toward the situation.

Much has been said and written about the inadequate P.E. facilities here at Auburn, but as yet, very little has been done. But until something is done to remedy this deplorable situation, you can rest assured that the entire P.E. staff will be plugging away, giving to the student body the best training possible.

Parting Shots:

Willard Nixon made a rather auspicious debut with the Class A, Scranton, Pa., nine of the Eastern League. Pitching against the Wilkes-Barre Barons, Willard the Whiz struck out 8 as he hurled a 4-0 shutout victory.

Whitey Overton, SEC two-mile champion from Auburn sailed on July 14 for London, England, where he will run in the World Olympics. Overton placed third on this side of the Atlantic, with Bob McMillen, of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, placing first, and Browning Ross, of Villanova, placing second. Keep your fingers crossed for Whitey. A complete story on Whitey, the Olympics, and Whitey's coaches, Wilbur Hutsell and Jeff Beard, will appear in the August Alumnews.